

Chapter 83

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS-PHYSICIAN SHOPPING

Original House Bill No. 127

AN ACT relating to controlled substances; amending the Wyoming Controlled Substances Act of 1971 to further specify illegal means of obtaining and dispensing controlled substances or obtaining prescriptions for controlled substances; amending penalties; and providing for an effective date.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

**Section 1.** W.S. 35-7-1033(a)(iii), by creating a new subsection (b) and by amending and renumbering (b) as (c) is amended to read:

**35-7-1033. Unlawful acts; distribution; registration; possession; records; counterfeiting; punishment.**

☐a) It is unlawful for any person knowingly or intentionally:

(iii) To acquire or obtain possession of, ~~a-to procure or attempt to procure the administration of or to obtain a prescription for any~~ controlled substance by misrepresentation, fraud, forgery, deception or subterfuge.; ~~The conduct prohibited by this paragraph includes but is not limited to:~~

(A)Failing to disclose to a practitioner that the person has received the same or similar controlled substance or prescription for a controlled substance from another source within the prior thirty (30) days;

(B)Alteration of a prescription or written order for a controlled substance; and

(C)The use of a false  
name or address. (b)

Except as otherwise

provided:

☐i) A person who is convicted upon a plea of guilty or no contest or found guilty of violating paragraph (a)(iii) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), or both, and the person may be ordered to receive a substance abuse assessment conducted by a substance abuse provider certified by the department of health pursuant to W.S. 9-2-2701(c) before sentencing;

☐ii) A person convicted upon a plea of guilty or no contest or found guilty of a second offense of violating paragraph (a)(iii) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by

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imprisonment for not more than one (1) year, a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), or both, and the person shall be ordered to receive a substance abuse assessment conducted by a substance abuse provider certified by the department of health pursuant to W.S. 9-2-2701(c) before sentencing;

□iii) A person convicted upon a plea of guilty or no contest or found guilty of a third or subsequent offense of violating paragraph (a)(iii) of this section is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than ten (10) years, a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), or both;

□iv) In the event a substance abuse assessment ordered pursuant to this section is provided by an entity with whom the department of health contracts for treatment services, the costs of the assessment shall be paid by the offender subject to the sliding fee scale adopted pursuant to W.S. 35-1-620 and 35-1-624; provided however, if the assessment is ordered as a result of a felony conviction under this section, the assessment shall be conducted and costs assessed pursuant to W.S. 7-13-1301, et seq.;

□v) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the term of probation imposed by a court for a violation of paragraph (a)(iii) of this section for a first or second conviction may exceed the maximum term of imprisonment established for the applicable offense under paragraph (i) or (ii) of this subsection provided the term of probation, together with any extension thereof, shall in no case exceed two (2) years.

~~(b)~~(c) Except as otherwise provided, any person who violates this section is guilty of a crime and upon conviction may be imprisoned for not more than five (5) years, or fined not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), or both.

**Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2008.

Approved March 12, 2008.